



# The Shaw SPIRIT

## Weekend Weather



**Saturday**  
T-storms (p.m.)  
High 89, Low 73



**Sunday**  
T-storms (p.m.)  
High 89, Low 72

Courtesy of the 20th Operations Support Squadron Weather flight

July 8, 2005

Serving Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., home of the F-16CJ+

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## Newsline

### Changes of command

The 77th Fighter Squadron change of command is noon July 15 in Hangar 1614. Lt. Col. David Stilwell will relinquish command to Lt. Col. Don Godier.

The 20th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron change of command is July 15 at 9 a.m. in Hangar 1614. Lt. Col. Kevin Kilpatrick will relinquish command to Maj. David Cope.

### Housing reminders

Major repair work on vehicles or boats is not authorized in the base housing area. Also, carports and porches must be neatly maintained.

### Jr. enlisted day

A Jr. Enlisted Appreciation Day will be held July 15 at 1 p.m. at Lake Wateree recreation area. All E-6s and below and their families are invited. Admission is free. See a first sergeant or Top 3 representative for tickets.

### Senior NCO induction

The annual Senior NCO induction ceremony is July 30 at 6 p.m. in the conference center.

### Sexual assault help

The Department of Defense has implemented a new policy regarding sexual assault that ensures victim confidentiality and immediate medical care. For help, call **895-SARC** at any time. For more information on the policy, visit [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil).

### Down day delay

In a recent report, it was confirmed the Airman who died May 29 in a car accident had a blood alcohol content of 0.21, which sets back the wing's count-down. We now have **21** DUI-free days to go until a wing down day.

**Last DUI:** 55th AMU  
**2005 total:** 9  
**This time last year:** 28

*Current as of Thursday*

Airmen Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides for intoxicated base members. For a ride, call **983-9722**. AADD saves last week: 7



**We can do it!**

The 20th Fighter Wing made it through the holiday weekend DUI-free and with zero mishaps.

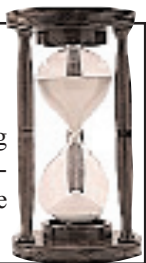


Photo by Airmen 1st Class Joel Mease

## Drunk goggles

Airmen 1st Class Amber Pennington drives a golf cart into a cone recently while wearing goggles that simulate the effects of driving while intoxicated. The demonstration was sponsored by Shaw's Airmen Against Drunk Driving Program.

## Gen. Moseley confirmed as next CSAF

Improving joint skills, recapitalizing aging aircraft are among priorities

**SAN ANTONIO** -- The Senate has confirmed Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the next Air Force chief of staff. He is the current Air Force vice chief of staff.

General Moseley met with members of the Senate Armed Services Committee June 29 during his confirmation hearing. Following the approval of the committee, his nomination was forwarded to the full Senate which approved the nomination just before adjourning for the Fourth of July holiday.

During the hearing he said his priorities would be to further refine and improve joint warfighting skills, continue to strengthen the Air Force's greatest asset -- its people -- and to recapitalize the aging aircraft fleet to meet future warfighting needs.

General Moseley is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University where he earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in political science. Besides holding numerous operational assignments, he commanded U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as Combined Forces Air Component commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. (Information from Air Force Print News)



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

**Gen. T. Michael Moseley was confirmed by the Senate July 1 as the next chief of staff of the Air Force. He is a command pilot with more than 2,800 hours in the T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and F-15 Eagle.**





Photo by Tarsha Storey

Donaven Tyler plays a game of pool at the teen center Thursday.

# Shaw Teen Center offers summer fun

By Tarsha Storey  
Correspondant

Team Shaw teens looking for a place to hang out this summer need only to look at the Shaw Teen Center.

The teen center, located behind the 5000-area shoppette, is open for active-duty and retired military dependant 'tweens' (ages 9 to 12) Mondays through Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. and teens (ages 13 to 18) Mondays through Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 3-9 p.m. They offer various activities from art and drama to games and computer use, said Davin Watson, teen center coordinator. Membership is \$25 a year.

This summer they offer a variety of field trips to Myrtle Beach, a water park and an aquarium and deep-sea fishing and wall climbing activities are planned as well.

Many teens said they enjoy spending time at the center.

"It's a great place to come and chill out.

I come here every day," said Donaven, son of Theresa and Tech. Sgt. Anthony Tyler, 20th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

Even though the teen center offers recreational activities, that is not the main focus, said Mr. Watson.

"We want to give them a positive place to hang out and learn life skills, such as respect and leadership, and to help them become well-rounded people," he said.

The center works with the Keystone Club, Training Responsible Adolescents in Leadership Club, Youth Employment Skills Program, Congressional Award Program, Youth of the Year Program and the Boys and Girls Club. They also work with various other outside organizations to give teens opportunities to do community service, learn new skills, earn college scholarships and make new friends. The center also encourages parental involvement and peer interaction, said Mr. Watson.

For more information on the Shaw Teen Center or its upcoming events, call the center at 895-3969.

## TSP 'open season' gone

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** -- The restrictions on having only two open seasons each year for civilian and military members to sign up for, stop, resume or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions has ended.

Public Law 108-469 went into effect July 1, eliminating restrictions on contribution elections that have always been tied to TSP open seasons.

The elimination of open seasons affects civilian and military members who are eligible to contribute to TSP in the following ways:

- It gives individuals more flexibility in managing their TSP contribution amounts depending on their personal situations.

- Civilians can now make 26 or 27 TSP contribution elections per year (based on pay periods) and military personnel 24 per year.

- Contribution elections submitted on or after July 1 will be effective at the beginning of the pay period following the one in which the election is submitted.

"What hasn't changed is the contribution limits set for 2005," said Janet Thomas, of Air Force Personnel Center's civilian benefits and entitlement service team.

Employees may continue to contribute to TSP based on the system they

are currently under for 2005. Civil Service Retirement System can contribute 10 percent; Federal Employees' Retirement System, 15 percent; or the military pay system, 10 percent.

The law eliminating TSP open seasons does not eliminate the waiting period that newly hired FERS employees or rehired FERS employees not previously eligible must serve before they can begin to receive agency contributions. Participants who make an in-service financial hardship withdrawal may not make TSP contribution elections for a six-month period following the withdrawal.

"As a reminder, Air Force-serviced civilian employees must make TSP contribution elections via the Benefits and Entitlements Service Team automated phone system or the Employee Benefits Information System," Ms. Thomas said. For instructions on how to access the automated web and phone system, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/best/automated.htm>.

For information on TSP or enrollment in TSP, military members can visit [http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift\\_savings\\_plan.htm](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm). For additional information on TSP, visit <http://www.tsp.gov/>. For civilian TSP information, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/dpc/BEST/menu.htm>. (Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

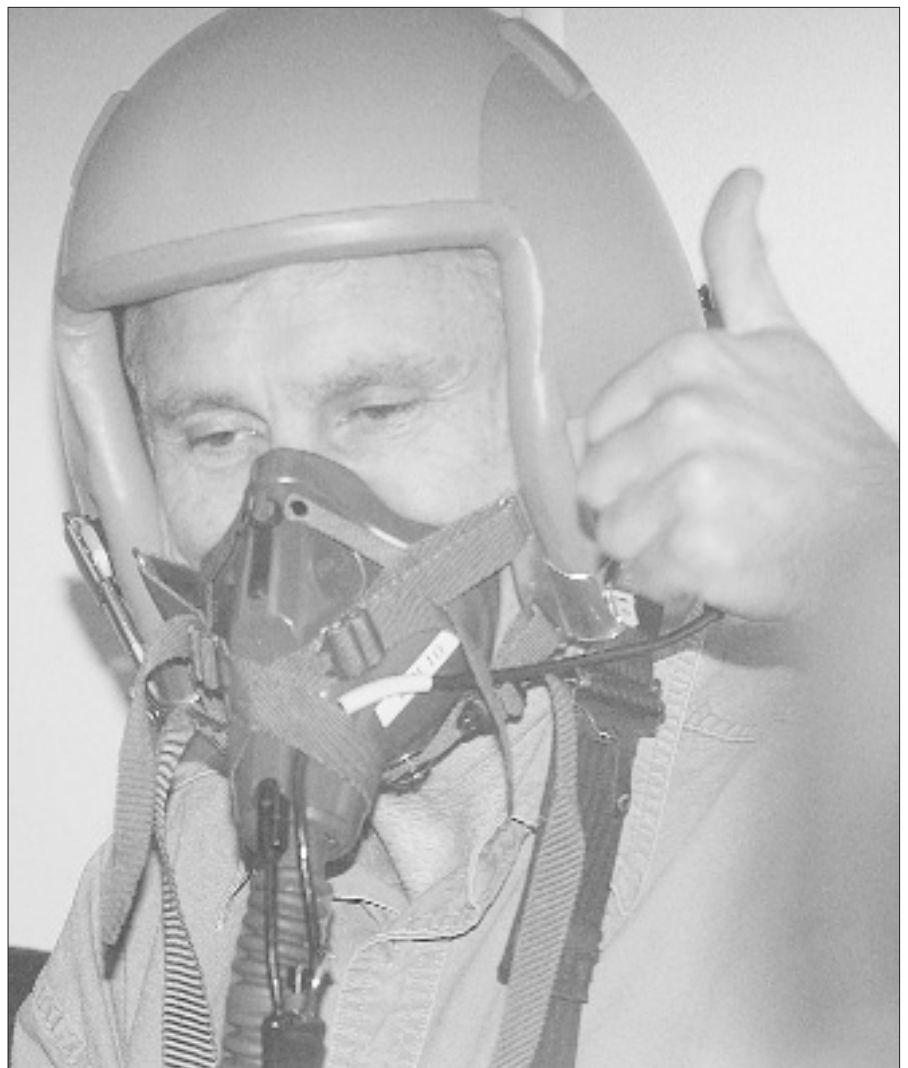


Photo by 2nd Lt. Bryan Cox

## Altitude test

Mr. Steve Centanni, Fox News reporter, receives training in the altitude chamber June 30 in preparation for an F-16 orientation flight.



## Briefly ...

### MPF testing schedule

Date	Test
Monday	AFOQT
Tuesday	DLPT
July 19	DLAB
July 21	AFCT
July 25	EDPT
July 26	DLPT
Aug. 2	DLAB
Aug. 4	AFCT
Aug. 9	DLPT
Aug. 16	AFOQT
Aug. 18	AFCT
Aug. 23	DLAB
Aug. 29	EDPT
Aug. 30	DLPT

All tests begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call David Myers at 895-1078.

Requirements to take the tests are as follows: Defense Language Proficiency Test, U.S. citizenship and a memorandum for record signed by unit commander; Defense Language Aptitude Battery, MFR from commander; Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, MFR from education center; Air Force Classification Test, MFR from employments office or Reserve recruiter; Electronic Data Processing Test, MFR from employments.

All tests are administered in the military personnel flight, second floor, Room 2142. In December, no tests will be offered due to 05E8 promotion cycle testing. (*Information from MPF*)

### AFAF results

Gen. Ronald Keys, Air Combat Command commander, recently commended ACC for the hard work and generosity of Airmen, which made the 2005 Air Force Assistance Fund campaign the most productive on record. ACC people contributed more than \$1.3 million this year. "We can all take pride in the positive difference these funds will make to Airmen who may need AFAF support in the future. Please pass along my congratulations to the many dedicated AFAF workers and contributors to this notable success," said Gen. Keys. Shaw raised a total of \$102,157. (*Information from ACC*)

### Is that your natural color?

The regulation for hair color states that hair must be of natural color. Any color that falls into a color not considered natural-looking is not authorized. Hair pieces and wigs must also stay within the standards. (*Information from Chief Master Sgt. Gary Rutledge, 20th Fighter Wing command chief*)



### Financial tip

Money issues, good or bad, affect people's lives dramatically. Taking control and developing good money management habits is crucial.

For more information call the FSC at 895-1252.

## Benevolent bikers



Photo by Paul Henderson

The Shaw Motorcycle Riders Association held a benefit ride recently to Lake Wateree recreation area to raise money for the medical needs of a Camden, S.C., woman who suffers from a debilitating illness. About 40 riders showed up for the 125-mile trek and more than \$330 was raised.

## Advisory issued for travel to Mexico

Based on recent events in Mexico, U.S. Northern Command has issued a travel advisory. The following information was sent out in a recent memorandum for Air Combat Command and numbered Air Force commanders.

A struggle between criminal organizations for control of the lucrative narcotics trade is fueling violent criminal activity along the border of the U.S. and Mexico, especially in the vicinity of Nuevo Laredo. Although the violence is aimed at members of the drug trafficking organizations, criminal justice officials, journalists, foreign visitors and residents, including Americans, have been among the victims

of homicide and kidnappings in the border region.

Violence has recently been centered in the city of Nuevo Laredo. According to USNORTHCOM, more than 60 people have been killed since January due to a wave of drug-related violence. The police chief in Nuevo Laredo was assassinated June 8, just hours after being sworn into office. More than 30 U.S. citizens have been kidnapped and/or murdered.

On June 12, Mexican soldiers, federal police and federal investigations agency personnel deployed to assist local law enforcement. Deployed forces have taken up positions around public buildings in

Matamoros, Mexicali, Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa and Tijuana. Forty-one local police officers have been arrested and taken to Mexico City.

USNORTHCOM officials advise commanders to ensure all potential Department of Defense travelers to affected areas are briefed on the current situation to include current state department travel warnings. Personnel should also conduct a risk assessment prior to travel.

Country clearance is required for active-duty military personnel on leave travel to Mexico per DOD Directive 4500.54g, *Foreign Clearance Guide*. (*Information from ACC*)

## Shaw Blotter

(*Editor's note: The blotter includes incidents from the 20th Security Forces Squadron reports. The following information is intended to increase awareness of resource protection and safety concerns.*)

- An Airman reported theft of government property at Dormitory 418.
- An Airman was arrested off base for possession of cocaine.
- Security forces responded to eight incidents/accidents involving private and government vehicles.
- There were 11 traffic tickets issued during the week.

In case of emergency, call 911.

Direct routine questions and non-emergency concerns to 20th SFS personnel at the 24-hour desk by calling 895-3670.

If you have information about any crime, listed here or otherwise, call the 20th Security Forces Investigations section at 895-3600.



## SPIRIT TRIVIA

**Question:** Who raised \$2 million on credit to fund the Patriots of the Revolutionary War, was never reimbursed, died bankrupt and was buried in an unmarked grave?

**Answer to last week's question:** On Monday, the United States celebrated 229 years of independence.

**Last week's winner:** Senior Airman Patrick Cartwright, 77th Aircraft Maintenance Unit

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to *The Shaw Spirit* at [spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil](mailto:spirit.editor@shaw.af.mil) will get a free t-shirt.